



Canada: Nanaimo Airport Expansion

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Summary

The Nanaimo airport is currently going under a number of improvement projects to enhance safety, accommodate larger aircraft and have room for an anticipated increase in passengers. The projects are divided into two phases; Phase 1 the runway extension project and which was completed in 2009. Phase 2 consists of an expansion to the main terminal building, expansion to the parking and road infrastructure, and new water and sewage treatment facility is scheduled to begin construction in 2010 with expected completion in 2012 at an estimated cost of \$8 million. .

Background

The city of Nanaimo is the second largest urban centre on Vancouver Island and Nanaimo airport is the primary air transportation gateway for central Vancouver Island. Nanaimo airport is also the closest island airport to Vancouver international airport. The regional district of Nanaimo has experienced an increase in population for the last 20 years and growth is expected to continue through 2026. The increase in population coupled with the increase in demand for services led to the decision to expand Nanaimo airport.

Projected cost of Phase 2 projects:

Item	Estimated	Year
Terminal Building Expansion	\$ 4 million	2010 - 2012
Parking and Roads	\$ 1.5 million	2010 - 2018
Water and sewage system	\$ 3 million	2011 - 2012

The total cost of Phase 2 is estimated to be \$8.5 million with a target start date for design, October 1, 2010 and a completion date, November 30, 2012.

Opportunities for US Firms:

The expansion of Nanaimo's airport creates export opportunities for U.S. firms to supply equipment and materials. The Nanaimo airport is in the process of selecting a general contractor. Once a contractor is selected, further details on the type of water and sewage system required will be made public. In particular companies offering cost effective innovative water and sewage treatment products should take advantage of Commercial Service programs to expand their export sales into this region.

For More Information

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